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SUBJ: THAI SEIZURE OF HEROIN AT BANGKOK AIRPORT

1. BANGKOK WORLD MAR 17 CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON SEIZURE AT DON MUANG AIRPORT OF 2.4 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN (ONE KILO OF NO. 4 AND 1.4 KILOS OF NO. 3 "BROWN SUGAR") LATE IN EVENING OF MAR 16. RODNEY VICKERY (38), A BRITISH NATIONAL, WAS ARRESTED AFTER THE NO. 3 HEROIN WAS FOUND STASHED AWAY ON HIS BODY (SOME AROUND HIS WAIST AND SOME AROUND HIS LEGS). MISS LAU WING-SUIT (25), A HONG KONG CHINESE, WAS ARRESTED AFTER THE NO. 4 HEROIN WAS FOUND AROUND HER WAIST AND THIGHS. PRATEEP KITCHAROENWONG (32), A THAI NATIONAL, TANG SIA-TONG (43), CHUENG SHU (27), BOTH OF THE LAST TWO HONG KONG CHINESE, WERE ALSO ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY IN THE DRUG SMUGGLING EFFORT. VICKERY AND MISS LAU WERE BOOKED ON A PIA FLIGHT FOR AMSTERDAM, VIA PARIS.

2. ACTING ON A TIP-OFF, A JOINT THAI FORCE FROM NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER, CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION, AND DON MUANG CUSTOMS, ARRESTED THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE. PRESS REPORTS THAT TANG SIA-TONG FINANCED THE OPERATION.

3. DEA BANGKOK COOPERATED IN PREPARATION OF THE ARRESTS.

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